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## Senate

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable SAM BROWBACK, a Senator from the State of Kansas.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, whose compassionate love sustains us, hear our prayer. Guide our Senators in their labors. Show them the path that leads to fulfilling Your will. In Your love, keep them faithful. When clouds obscure the way, let them know the peace of Your presence. Fortify them with Your might so that they will be instruments of Your purposes. Give them wisdom to make laws that will meet the challenges of our times.

Lord, teach us all the discipline of patience so we will learn to wait on Your providence. We pray in Your sovereign Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable SAM BROWBACK led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, July 12, 2006.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable SAM BROWBACK, a

Senator from the State of Kansas, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,  
President pro tempore.

Mr. BROWBACK thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning, we will start with 1 hour of morning business. At approximately 10:40 a.m., we will resume work on the Homeland Security appropriations measure. Yesterday, we disposed of seven amendments, and there are two amendments currently pending. Today we should have another full day on the bill with votes occurring throughout the day.

As I have said previously, we will finish the bill this week, and, therefore, we will stay as late as necessary over the next couple of days in order to complete our work on this Homeland Security bill. I thank Senators for their cooperation in working with the managers of the Homeland Security measure. We are making good progress, and we want to complete the bill shortly. I look forward to finishing the appropriations bill, in all likelihood, on Thursday.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, there will be a period for the transaction of morning business for up to 60 minutes, with the first half of the time under the control of the majority leader or his designee and the second half of the time under the control of the Democratic leader or his designee.

The Senator from Georgia is recognized.

### IRAQ AND THE GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. President, I rise this morning to address America's ongoing efforts in Iraq and the larger war on terrorism.

Our Nation continues its steadfast resolve to bring security and prosperity to the Iraqi people, and President Bush is leading that effort with the help of this Congress and the American people.

Amidst press reports, which are generally not reflective of the most important things going on in Iraq, I want to review some recent successes that highlight the progress we are making.

BG Kurt Cichowski, Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategy, Plans and Assessment of the Multi-National Force-Iraq, recently announced that the Iraqi security forces will assume full control of the southern Muthanna. According to General Cichowski:

The transfer of security responsibility from U.S. forces to the Iraqi security forces clearly demonstrates an Iraqi success and signifies a tangible beginning to a new phase in the history of this nation.

Muthanna is the first of Iraq's 18 provinces to be fully transferred from coalition to Iraqi security forces control. This latest move is a result of

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